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Pilot Project Programme

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a) whether any minority concentration district has been chosen for implementing any pilot project programme;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the said project;
- c) The funds allocated/expenditure incurred by the Government on the said project;
- d) whether any performance audit of the pilot project has been conducted;
- e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome there; and
- f) the stringent measures taken by the Government to ensure quality parameters intended of the successful implementation of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) Since 2015-16, the MAEF has implemented a pilot project through IL&FS Skill Development Corporation Ltd. for 2000 students for one year as a precursor to the Nai Manzil Scheme. The IL&FS is running pilot project in 14 districts/locations (Patna, Muzaffarpur, Chapra, Silliguri, Kalimpong, Nongstoin, Alwar, Bhilwara, Jaipur, Mewat, Lucknow, Kanpur, Tandur, Belgaum and Mehsana) covering 1984 beneficiaries including 349 students in 2 Minorities Concentration Districts (viz., 153 beneficiaries from Mewat, Haryana and 196 students from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh).

(b): The project is an integrated education and livelihood initiative for the Minority communities. The objective of this pilot project was to have proof of concept for the Nai Manzil Scheme and to organize an education enhancement and skill training programme especially for the school dropouts from the Minority communities as well as youths getting education from Madarsa system of education who are not being able to come into/continue formal/mainstream education.

(c): Rs. 4.4 crores has been released for this pilot programme.

(d&e): As this project is ongoing, performance audit at this stage is pre-mature.

(f): The Government is monitoring the progress of the scheme to ensure that the conditions prescribed are followed strictly and is also reviewing the project.
